

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON NEW ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

Thursday, March 29, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 521, House Office Building

Chair Clemente called the Standing Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Clemente, Clack, Leland, Meisner, Meadows, Huizenga, Hildenbrand (7/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Melton, Griffin, Garfield, Pastor (4/11)

Chair Clemente laid **House Resolution 42** before the committee.

HR 42	McDowell	A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to fund expansion of the Soo Locks.
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Representative McDowell explained the intent of the resolution and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

James Weakley, representing the Lake Carriers' Association, testified in **support** of the resolution and answered questions. Mr. Weakley also submitted written testimony. At the Chair's request, Mr. Weakley agreed to submit to the committee clerk an electronic copy of material referred to in his testimony. The Chair requested that this material be made available to the committee members via the committee webpage.

Representative Huizenga moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Resolution 42**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Meadows, Huizenga, Hildenbrand (6/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Meadows moved to report **House Resolution 42**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Meadows, Huizenga, Hildenbrand (6/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Huizenga moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 22, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Hildenbrand moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Clemente** excused **Representatives Melton, Griffin, Garfield** and **Pastor**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:38 a.m.**

Representative Ed Clemente, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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